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May 31, 1991

Wayne Hedberg, Minerals Permit Supervisor  
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Re: Proposed Nebo Gypsum Project

Mr. Hedberg:


Earlier this month we participated in a field tour of a proposed open-pit gypsum mine inside Mt. Nebo Wilderness Area which is administered by the Uinta National Forest. At that time, you and your colleague, Holland Shepard, estimated the surface area already affected by the mining project, and concluded between 4.75 and 5.00 acres were involved. There was some question about access and exploration roads being part of the affected area.

Would you please send me a report of this field estimate? I am particularly interested in whether the access road on private land beyond the National Forest boundary and before the paved county road was included in the affected area and permit. In addition, I would like to know if you are including the exploration road above the disturbed area in the affected area.

Further, in light of the closeness of your estimate to the 5-acre threshold requiring a full operation permit for a large mine operation, I am formally requesting an professional survey of the affected area to determine the acreage involved.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. I would appreciate be included in any mailings, notices or further analysis relative to this project.

Sincerely,

  
Jane Leeson, Utah  
Representative